

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An approximately homogeneous sheet-like covering material, comprising a thermoplastic and fillers, characterized in that the thermoplastic is a thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer, the amount of which amounts to at least 5% by weight of the entire covering material, and that it comprises in addition to the thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer at least one other thermoplastic which is compatible with the polyurethane elastomer.

2. (Original) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in claim 1, where the filler has been selected from the group of calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, silicates, kaolin, and aluminum hydroxide and mixtures thereof.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 1, where the other thermoplastic is amorphous.

5. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in claim ~~3 or 4~~ 1, where the other thermoplastic present in addition to the thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer is a polycondensates of terephthalic acid with two glycols.

6. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in claim ~~3 or 4~~ 1, where the other thermoplastic present in addition to the thermoplastic polyurethane

elastomer is a polycondensate of terephthalic acid with ethylene glycol and is present in an amount of 25% by weight.

7. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in any of the preceding claims, ~~which~~ wherein it comprises an auxiliary.

8. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in claim ~~5~~ 7, where the auxiliary has been selected from the group of lubricants, antistatic agents, and UV stabilizers, and mixtures thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The sheet-like covering material as claimed in ~~any of claims 3 to 8~~ claim 2, comprising from 5 to 50% by weight of thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer, from 40 to 70% by weight of fillers, and from 1 to 5% by weight of auxiliaries.

10. (Original) A process for production of the sheet-like covering material as claimed in any of the preceding claims via mixing and pressing of the starting material with exposure to heat to give a block and cutting of the block into layers to give the sheet-like covering material.

11. (Currently Amended) The use of the sheet-like covering material as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 as floor covering or functional covering.